

Listing of the Claims:

1-144. (Cancelled)

145. (New) A system for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the system comprising:

an internet website for interfacing a remote terminal apparatus to the internet, the internet website including means for receiving personal advertisements, means for receiving audio recordings associated with the personal advertisements and means for receiving input data;

means for storing the personal advertisements, the audio recordings and the input data, the means for storing being coupled to the internet website;

means for processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements; and

means for publishing at least the isolated subset of personal advertisements, the means for publishing including means for playing the audio recordings via the internet, the means for publishing coupled to the means for storing and means for processing.

146. (New) The system as recited in claim 145 further comprising means for receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for displaying images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

147. (New) The system as recited in claim 145 further comprising means for receiving video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for playing video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

148. (New) The system as recited in claim 145 further comprising means for receiving a response message to a personal advertisement.

149. (New) The system as recited in claim 145 further comprising means for notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.

150. (New) A system for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the system comprising:

an internet website for interfacing a remote terminal apparatus to the internet, the internet website including means for receiving personal advertisements over the internet, means for receiving audio recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet, means for receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for receiving input data over the internet;

means for storing the personal advertisements, the audio recordings, the images and the input data, the means for storing being coupled to the internet website;

means for processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, the means for processing being coupled to the internet website; and

means for publishing at least the isolated subset of personal advertisements, the means for publishing being coupled to the means for storing and including means for playing the audio recordings via the internet and means for displaying the images via the internet.

151. (New) The system as recited in claim 150 further comprising means for receiving a response message to a personal advertisement.

152. (New) The system as recited in claim 151 wherein the response message includes an audio message.

153. (New) The system as recited in claim 150 further comprising means for receiving video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for playing video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

154. (New) The system as recited in claim 150 further comprising means for notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.

155. (New) A system for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the system comprising:

an internet website for interfacing a remote terminal apparatus to the internet, the internet website including means for receiving personal advertisements associated with individuals over the internet, means for receiving audio recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet, means for receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for receiving input data over the internet, the input data including at least one of gender information, age information and marital status information;

means for storing the personal advertisements, the audio recordings, the images and the input data, the means for storing being coupled to the internet website;

means for processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, the means for processing being coupled to the internet website;

means for publishing a portion of each of the personal advertisements in the isolated subset, the means for publishing coupled to the means for storing;

means for receiving input from a remote terminal identifying a selected personal advertisement;

means for publishing an additional portion of the selected personal advertisement over the internet, the means for publishing an additional portion being coupled to the means for storing and including means for playing an audio recording and means for displaying an image associated with the selected personal advertisement via the internet;

means for receiving a response message to the selected personal advertisement over the internet; and

means for notifying an individual associated with the selected personal advertisement of the receipt of the response message.

156. (New) The system as recited in claim 155 further comprising means for receiving video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for playing video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

157. (New) The system as recited in claim 155 wherein the response message includes an audio message.

158. (New) The system as recited in claim 155 wherein the response message includes a video message.

159. (New) The system as recited in claim 155 wherein the means for notifying an individual associated with the selected personal advertisement of the receipt of the response message is operable to send an email message to the individual's external email account.

160. (New) A method for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the method comprising:

providing an interface via an internet website to remote terminals over the internet;

receiving personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving audio recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving input data associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

storing the personal advertisements, the audio recordings and the input data via a means for storing coupled to the internet website;

processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, using a processor coupled to the internet website; and

publishing at least the isolated subset of personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website, including playing the audio recordings over the internet via the internet website.

161. (New) The method as recited in claim 160 further comprising the step of receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and displaying images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

162. (New) The method as recited in claim 160 further comprising the steps of receiving video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and playing video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

163. (New) The method as recited in claim 160 further comprising the step of receiving a response message to a personal advertisement.

164. (New) The system as recited in claim 160 further comprising the step of notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.

165. (New) A method for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the method comprising:

providing an interface via an internet website to remote terminals over the internet;

receiving personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving audio recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving input data associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

storing the personal advertisements, the images, the audio recordings and the input data via a means for storing coupled to the internet website;

processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, using a processor coupled to the internet website;

publishing at least a portion of each personal advertisement in the isolated subset of personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website, including playing the audio recordings over the internet via the internet website and displaying the images over the internet via the internet website; and

receiving a response message to a personal advertisement in
the isolated subset of advertisements.

166. (New) The method as recited in claim 165 wherein the step of publishing at least a portion of each personal advertisement in the isolated subset of personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website further comprises publishing a first portion of each personal advertisement in the isolated subset and publishing a second portion of at least one personal advertisement in the isolated subset.

167. (New) The method as recited in claim 165 further comprising the step of receiving video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and playing video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

168. (New) The method as recited in claim 165 further comprising the step of receiving an audio response message to a personal advertisement.

169. (New) The system as recited in claim 165 further comprising the step of notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.

170. (New) A method for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the method comprising:

providing an interface via an internet website to remote terminals over the internet;

receiving personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving audio recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving input data associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website, the input data including at least one of gender data, age data and marital status data;

storing the personal advertisements, the images, the audio recordings and the input data via a means for storing coupled to the internet website;

processing the personal advertisements and the input data, including at least one of gender data, age data and marital status data, to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, using a processor coupled to the internet website;

publishing a portion of each of the personal advertisements in the isolated subset over the internet;

receiving input from a remote terminal identifying a selected personal advertisement;

publishing an additional portion of the selected personal advertisement over the internet, including playing an audio recording and displaying an image associated with the selected personal advertisement over the internet;

receiving a response message to the selected personal advertisement over the internet; and

notifying an individual associated with the selected personal advertisement of the receipt of the response message.

171. (New) The method as recited in claim 170 wherein the step of publishing at least a portion of each personal advertisement in the isolated subset of personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website comprises publishing over the internet images associated with the personal advertisements in the isolated subset.

172. (New) The method as recited in claim 170 further comprising the step of receiving video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and playing video files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

173. (New) The method as recited in claim 170 further comprising the step of receiving an audio response message to a personal advertisement.

174. (New) The system as recited in claim 170 further comprising the step of notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.

175. (New) A system for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the system comprising:

an internet website for interfacing a remote terminal apparatus to the internet, the internet website including means for receiving personal advertisements, means for receiving video recordings associated with the personal advertisements and means for receiving input data;

means for storing the personal advertisements, the video recordings and the input data, the means for storing being coupled to the internet website;

means for processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements; and

means for publishing at least the isolated subset of personal advertisements, the means for publishing including means for playing the video recordings via the internet, the means for publishing coupled to the means for storing and means for processing.

176. (New) The system as recited in claim 175 further comprising means for receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for displaying images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

177. (New) The system as recited in claim 175 further comprising means for receiving audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for playing audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

178. (New) The system as recited in claim 175 further comprising means for receiving a response message to a personal advertisement.

179. (New) The system as recited in claim 175 further comprising means for notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.

180. (New) A system for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the system comprising:

an internet website for interfacing a remote terminal apparatus to the internet, the internet website including means for receiving personal advertisements over the internet, means for receiving video recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet, means for receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for receiving input data over the internet;

means for storing the personal advertisements, the video recordings, the images and the input data, the means for storing being coupled to the internet website;

means for processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, the means for processing being coupled to the internet website; and

means for publishing at least the isolated subset of personal advertisements, the means for publishing being coupled to the means for storing and including means for playing the video recordings via the internet and means for displaying the images via the internet.

181. (New) The system as recited in claim 180 further comprising means for receiving a response message to a personal advertisement.

182. (New) The system as recited in claim 181 wherein the response message includes a video message.

183. (New) The system as recited in claim 180 further comprising means for receiving audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for playing audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

184. (New) The system as recited in claim 180 further comprising means for notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.

185. (New) A system for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the system comprising:

an internet website for interfacing a remote terminal apparatus to the internet, the internet website including means for receiving personal advertisements associated with individuals over the internet, means for receiving video recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet, means for receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for receiving input data over the internet, the input data including at least one of gender information, age information and marital status information;

means for storing the personal advertisements, the video recordings, the images and the input data, the means for storing being coupled to the internet website;

means for processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, the means for processing being coupled to the internet website;

means for publishing a portion of each of the personal advertisements in the isolated subset, the means for publishing coupled to the means for storing;

means for receiving input from a remote terminal identifying a selected personal advertisement;

means for publishing an additional portion of the selected personal advertisement over the internet, the means for publishing an additional portion being coupled to the means for storing and including means for playing a video recording and means for displaying an image associated with the selected personal advertisement via the internet;

means for receiving a response message to the selected personal advertisement over the internet; and

means for notifying an individual associated with the selected personal advertisement of the receipt of the response message.

186. (New) The system as recited in claim 185 further comprising means for receiving audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and means for playing audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

187. (New) The system as recited in claim 185 wherein the response message includes a video message.

188. (New) The system as recited in claim 185 wherein the response message includes an audio message.

189. (New) The system as recited in claim 185 wherein the means for notifying an individual associated with the selected personal advertisement of the receipt of the response message is operable to send an email message to the individual's external email account.

190. (New) A method for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the method comprising:

providing an interface via an internet website to remote terminals over the internet;

receiving personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving video recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving input data associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

storing the personal advertisements, the video recordings and the input data via a means for storing coupled to the internet website;

processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, using a processor coupled to the internet website; and

publishing at least the isolated subset of personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website, including playing the video recordings over the internet via the internet website.

191. (New) The method as recited in claim 190 further comprising the step of receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and displaying images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

192. (New) The method as recited in claim 190 further comprising the steps of receiving audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and playing audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

193. (New) The method as recited in claim 190 further comprising the step of receiving a response message to a personal advertisement.

194. (New) The system as recited in claim 190 further comprising the step of notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.

195. (New) A method for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the method comprising:

providing an interface via an internet website to remote terminals over the internet;

receiving personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving video recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving input data associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

storing the personal advertisements, the images, the video recordings and the input data via a means for storing coupled to the internet website;

processing the personal advertisements and the input data to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, using a processor coupled to the internet website;

publishing at least a portion of each personal advertisement in the isolated subset of personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website, including playing the video recordings over the internet via the internet website and displaying the images over the internet via the internet website; and

receiving a response message to a personal advertisement in
the isolated subset of advertisements.

196. (New) The method as recited in claim 195 wherein the step of publishing at least a portion of each personal advertisement in the isolated subset of personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website further comprises publishing a first portion of each personal advertisement in the isolated subset and publishing a second portion of at least one personal advertisement in the isolated subset.

197. (New) The method as recited in claim 195 further comprising the step of receiving audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and playing audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

198. (New) The method as recited in claim 195 further comprising the step of receiving a video response message to a personal advertisement.

199. (New) The system as recited in claim 195 further comprising the step of notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.

200. (New) A method for introducing individuals over the internet in order to establish an acquaintance for the purpose of dating, the method comprising:

providing an interface via an internet website to remote terminals over the internet;

receiving personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving images associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving video recordings associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website;

receiving input data associated with the personal advertisements over the internet via the internet website, the input data including at least one of gender data, age data and marital status data;

storing the personal advertisements, the images, the video recordings and the input data via a means for storing coupled to the internet website;

processing the personal advertisements and the input data, including at least one of gender data, age data and marital status data, to isolate a subset of personal advertisements, using a processor coupled to the internet website;

publishing a portion of each of the personal advertisements in the isolated subset over the internet;

receiving input from a remote terminal identifying a selected personal advertisement;

publishing an additional portion of the selected personal advertisement over the internet, including playing a video recording and displaying an image associated with the selected personal advertisement over the internet;

receiving a response message to the selected personal advertisement over the internet; and

notifying an individual associated with the selected personal advertisement of the receipt of the response message.

201. (New) The method as recited in claim 200 wherein the step of publishing a portion of each of the personal advertisements in the isolated subset over the internet comprises publishing over the internet images associated with the personal advertisements in the isolated subset.

202. (New) The method as recited in claim 200 further comprising the step of receiving audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet and playing audio files associated with the personal advertisements over the internet.

203. (New) The method as recited in claim 200 further comprising the step of receiving a video response message to a personal advertisement.

204. (New) The system as recited in claim 200 further comprising the step of notifying a user associated with a personal advertisement of the receipt of a response message to that personal advertisement.